

April 2026 Path Planning Committee (PPC) Board Report

The Path Planning Committee met for site walk at the Main Camp at 10am, then a hybrid meeting at DUG's and via Zoom at noon on Sunday April 19, 2026.

Attendees:

Kirk & Amy (Co- chairs), Corey, Sue, Sylvia, Otis, Dean, Paxton, Mikayla, Jon P, Mouseman, Lisa P, Stormie, Ann, Aleta, Kirsten (ED), Alexis (Site Mgr.), Mason (Water Crew), Jen (Archeology), Joe Fraley (Mothership), Genevieve (on site walk)

Announcements:

- EAB walk on May 16 canceled

Minutes Review: March 15, 2026 PPC Mtg Minutes: *Approved*

Agenda Review: - *Approved* with adjustments in sequence for guest

Guest Discussion: Joe Fraley (Mothership) EAB response tree planting near booth. Mothership wants to plant now to give as much time for new trees to grow before EAB impacts. Located 6-7 locations & tree varieties with arborist. Prefer to plant larger trees, but archeology prefers minimal impact of planting saplings - but concerned that saplings may not survive periods of flooding vs. larger trees. *Discussion:* Ann (archeology): scans show potential artifacts; larger holes require archeological exploration by hired contractor. Kirk: currently not a good time to plant, but agree it is important to plant soon. Alexis: Mothership is model of what fair wants booths to do - can we make plans for needed archeological review so we can plant in September? Alexis & Kirsten to discuss further.

Reports:

Staff Report:

- (Kirsten): Coordinator Mtg was well attended; BOD approved water project; to start in Sept; struggle with LTD contract, but optimistic; permitting is going well; ticket sales going well, but concerns of headwinds -trying to keep expenses down; announcing musical lineups next week; sunshine database switching to SQL server platform in next week to help fix glitches
- (Alexis): starting dust control test on Snivel Lane in next month; roadwork prep starting soon (prior to 'permazine' application).

BOD Report:

- (Paxton) New business @ BOD is OCF policy & procedures for non-employee participants: will email link to PPC

Committee / Subcommittee / Work Group Updates:

- EAB TF: making good progress on draft plan: target to BOD in November; Sapling Stewardship event: Saturday, May 30 10-4to flag saplings to help keep them from being camped on [suggest signage at wristband booth about sapling markings]; working on map with ideal planting zones across entire property
- Committee's Best Practices: feedback that process is going too fast; meeting on Mar. 27 to review options + vote on recommendations to BOD by May 4.
- Craft / Food: (Sue) 42 crafters approved; providing orientation to new food booths & troubleshooting issues with database, but generally going well.

- Memoria: Shift Memoria to next meeting agenda. Will plan subcommittee meeting before next PPC meeting. Aleta wants to join.

Site Walk Debrief:

- Hoarse Chorale: looked at change to sound booth - shift to fence by river & lift for added benches; push back the big bench, adjust fence that makes bottleneck for safer egress, at service areas: smaller fence line move, shift bathrooms, recycling kiosk move to other side of drive path, VegManECs has seen space & generally approves. Ann will share archeological info for area.
- Shady Grove: (joined by Genevieve) looked at driving area & brainstormed ways to keep flow + enhance space; hope to add tall post near old trunk as tie-off for shade + maybe tall bench near river with tie-off for shade + spot near booth area (create triangle); request circular bench around old trunk - single ht. + open + maybe removable in off-season to not damage trunk.
- Plantings on Chasem Rd: 8x8 bale planters with soil & planted with seeds & starts from property; paired with existing trees at parking lanes; will water in fall for next few years; only 3 now - want crews to 'sponsor / adopt' future planters & help care for them.

Old Business

- Main Camp Kitchen rebuild update: roof stripped & plan for re-building is happening. Target May 17 completion.
- Dust & Water Barrels: (Mason) Got new plastic barrels for dust suppression; working with sunshine DB & educating booths about these water barrels; talked about dust barrels & gator speed at coordinator meeting. (Alexis) still planning road dust treatment per map: permazine on Snivel early, then only water during event; some roads treated with lignin close to fair but will stop traffic for proper drying; talking with LUMP about testing magnesium or calcium chloride for small areas - currently not approved; Chasem will be treated with permazine, but not this year; watering grass in Xavanadu - but limited on well water use for grass watering. [Discussion] Maybe slow-fill reservoir from well in off-season to lower impact when needed? (Mason) planning new 60,000 gallon reservoir at high point near DUGs with new plumbing throughout site. Many nearby wells tap different aquifers in the area that should be mapped to better understand the impacts of well water use on neighbors.

Next Meeting (last meeting before event):

May 17, 2026: Site Walk at 10: Memoria around site, Main Camp Kitchen (MCK) progress, path rest areas, main stage shade (if input is needed), look at staked tree locations near Mothership. Hybrid meeting at DUGS 12pm-3pm.

Agenda: Discuss with cartography: (bring large copy of map) Identify busker areas, food cart locations, possible new memoria locations, replacement booth locations; MCK future location update; Memoria subcommittee discussion; Review PPC study areas.